

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Separated from the Congregation
Pentecost Sunday (May 31, 2020)



These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. (Psalm 42:4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Joel 2:23-29

“Be glad, O children of Zion,
and rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given the early rain for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the latter rain, as before.

²⁴ “The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent among you.

²⁶ “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸ “And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit.

OPENING HYMN

There is a Redeemer

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1. There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father
For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done

2. Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Chorus

3. When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our fellow men, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry, and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten from the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of the same substance as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the

Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PASS THE PEACE

SONGS & HYMNS

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Walter C. Smith (1867); Tune: ST. DENIO

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Be Still, For the Presence of the Lord

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1. Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
2. Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendor He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around

3. Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place

OFFERING

“Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13:14-16)

Offerings can be given electronically by sending an e-transfer to admin@westminsterchapel.ca (with a memo, “tithes & offerings” or “benevolence”) or through Canada Helps (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/15609>). Cheques can be mailed to Westminster Chapel, 9 Hewitt Ave, Toronto ON M6R 1Y4.

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken (1674); Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

PRAYER

Psalm 143

A PSALM OF DAVID.

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
 give ear to my pleas for mercy!
 In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!
² Enter not into judgment with your servant,
 for no one living is righteous before you.
³ For the enemy has pursued my soul;
 he has crushed my life to the ground;
 he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead.
⁴ Therefore my spirit faints within me;
 my heart within me is appalled.

⁵ I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.

⁶ I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. *Selah*

⁷ Answer me quickly, O Lord!
My spirit fails!
Hide not your face from me,
lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,
for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.

⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!
I have fled to you for refuge.

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God!
Let your good Spirit lead me
on level ground!

¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

¹² And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,
and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul,
for I am your servant.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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SERMON

“Sowing to the Spirit”

Pastor David

CLOSING HYMN

Day by Day

Text: Carolina Sandell; Translator: A.L. Skoog (1865); Tune: BLOTT EN DAG

1. Day by day and with each passing moment,
strength I find to meet my trials here;
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
gives unto each day what he deems best--
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
mingling toil with peace and rest.
2. Ev'ry day the Lord himself is near me
with a special mercy for each hour;
all my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
he whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of his child and treasure
is a charge that on himself he laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
this the pledge to me he made.
3. Help me then in ev'ry tribulation
so to trust your promises, O Lord,
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation
offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
'til I reach the promised land.

BENEDICTION

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

PERSONAL & FAMILY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- Read Esther 6-10; Luke 16-22
- Sing "Day By Day"
- Recite and memorize Question 46, 47, and 49 of the Heidelberg Catechism:

Q46. What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

A. That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Q47. But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

A. Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

Q49. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand..

- Pray Psalm 43

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: The Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. We're studying the prophecy of Isaiah. For more info, contact Pastor David: david.robinson@westminsterchapel.ca.

Ladies Bible Study: The Ladies Bible Study meets at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. We are studying 1, 2, and 3 John following a study by Jen Wilkin called *Abide with Me*. There are audio sessions and a workbook of homework. The audio sessions can be found on Podbay: <https://podbay.fm/podcast/503752876>. If you would like to participate in the Zoom meeting each week, please contact Brittany Reid: dbreid@live.com.

Spanish Bible Study: Estaremos empezando un estudio bíblico sobre los fundamentos de la fe Cristiana. Para agregarse a la reunion Zoom los Domingos, por favor contactar a Julian Castaño: julicastano@hotmail.es.

Church Life, Ministry & Special Events

Livestream Q&A with the Elders: There will be a livestream Q&A with the elders on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 p.m. Please send your questions or concerns about the current crisis surrounding COVID-19 and the church's response to the church office: office@westminsterchapel.ca. We will collect questions until Thursday, June 4 and we'll respond to your questions and concerns via livestream on Tuesday, June 9 (we'll send a link to the livestream).

Prayer Request for the Elders: The Elders will be gathering for an overnight prayer retreat next week. We request all Westminster Church family, members and those in relationship with us, to join with us by praying for us, as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance, wisdom, and way forward for our congregation.

Gathering for Communion: We believe it is vital that we gather for worship and celebrate Communion, even if it's limited to gatherings of five and observes physical distancing guidelines. If you are willing and able to come to the church on Sundays for a Communion Service with an elder and three other people, please email Stefanie in the church office: office@westminsterchapel.ca. She will reply with a time to come (e.g., 2:30 pm).

Westminster Morning Prayer: Join us morning prayer via Zoom at 8:00 AM (Monday to Saturday). Our morning prayer will be 15 minutes and will be led by one of our elders. You can find the Zoom link in previous church e-newsletters or email the [church office](mailto:office@westminsterchapel.ca).

Counselling Ministry: Pastor Trevor has now transitioned to part time; however, he continues to serve in his counselling ministry. This has been a difficult time for many of us and counselling is available via video conference. To make an appointment contact Trevor: trevor.bertenshaw@westminsterchapel.ca.

Pregnancy Care Centre Relay Fundraiser: On Saturday, June 20 from 9:00-11:00 a.m, the Pregnancy Care Centre will be hosting a Virtual First Response Relay. The live webcast will kickstart at 9:00 am. If you'd like to join the Westminster relay team or make a donation please visit this link: [Westminster team](#). For more

information, please contact Sydney Wellman: wellman.sydney@gmail.com. Join us on Saturday, June 20th as we run or walk 5km anywhere in support of the PCC!

Westminster Covid Challenge: It isn't too late to submit your videos or written testimonies to George Simopoulos for a chance to win the coveted Calvin and Luther fridge magnets. We're looking for a video or written testimony of something you have been doing or something God has taught you during self-isolation. For example, if you have started doing scripture memorization, record a video of what you've memorized. If you've been reading more, send a book review. If God has taught you about patience, record or write a testimony. Pastor David will judge whose submission wins on July 1. Email your videos to george.simopoulos@westminsterchapel.ca. Check out the videos on Westminster Chapel's YouTube channel [here!](#) The YouTube link can also be found on the website (under "News and Notes" on the COVID-19 page).

Prayer Calendar: We want to encourage the congregation to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:17) during these uncertain times. To that end, we've set up a prayer calendar and invite you to sign up to pray at particular times. Our hope is that at any given time, someone from the church is praying. You will be able to view the calendar and see the names of your brothers and sisters who have committed to pray on different days and times. All you need to do is sign for a prayer slot and we will add your name and time to the prayer calendar. The sign-up form and calendar can be found here: (<https://www.westminsterchapel.ca/covid-19-prayer>). If you have any questions, or need assistance, please email the church office: office@westminsterchapel.ca.

Community Servant Team: I am sure that many of you are doing well, notwithstanding a little cabin fever. As we look forward into the next few weeks and months, however, we know that may change. We want to be wise and proactive with the time and start thinking through ways we can help one another spiritually and practically in the event that things continue as they are. That is why we are encouraging healthy and able of Westminster Chapel to sign up to be part of the community servant team. We are going to need members of the church who will be able to provide help to others in and around their neighborhood. Prayerfully consider being part of the team! Sign up! <https://www.westminsterchapel.ca/ministries/community-outreach>.

Community Care: There are people all around us who don't have friends or family to help them during this time. This presents all of us with the responsibility and opportunity to offer help and love to those around us. We want to encourage you to interact with neighbours and reach out with help wherever you can. This is also a great opportunity to share the gospel, as this crisis presents us with a way to explain the reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15). To that end, we have created two fliers, (one for the Roncesvalles community and one for the non-Roncesvalles community) and we would like you to hand them out to neighbours. The cards can be found here: <https://www.westminsterchapel.ca/ministries/community-outreach>. If you don't have access to a printer, email the church office and we will mail you a batch of cards.

COVID-19 & Communication: We will be regularly posting news & notes on the website. Please click the red COVID-19 button of the homepage. You'll also find updates on prayer and community outreach there, along with the order of service for Sundays and the Sunday School resources. A reminder to check your junk mail folder if you are not receiving the weekly e-newsletter to your email inbox.